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March Work Day Report

After a slow start, we had a real good workday on Saturday. We had over 80 volunteers, despite the dreary/misty start. The drizzle finally dissipated and we got some good work in before the rain Saturday night.

Thank you, Janie, to you and your crew for their diligent support.

Rena, thank you for your tireless effort on administration.

Donald Olds
President, KMTC

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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Addition

Congress approved a plan to add an 8-acre section of land that includes the Wallis House. The Wallis House served as a Confederate hospital and then a headquarters for the Union Army during the Battle Of Kennesaw Mountain. The following is a link to an article at WABE:

<https://www.wabe.org/kennesaw-mountain-on-the-verge-of-adding-8-acres-and-more-history/>

PRESS RELEASES

Bi-partisan Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Bill Passes House and Senate, Heads to President's Desk

Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA) issued the following statement after the House and Senate passed a package of natural resources bills, S. 47, including the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act:

"I first introduced this legislation in 2015, and it's now headed to the president's desk to be signed. Kennesaw Mountain is one of the wonderful historic attractions in our district, and the addition of the Wallis House and Harriston Hill will bring even more valuable historic property to the park. Our nation has long recognized the importance of preserving historic sites, especially those battlefields where Americans fought and died for our freedoms. I am grateful to my House and Senate colleagues for supporting this bill, particularly Senator Johnny Isaakson, who has sponsored this legislation in the Senate and fought tirelessly to get it passed. I am proud to be a part of these historic properties being added to Kennesaw Mountain Park so they can be visited and learned about for years to come."

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Bi-partisan Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Bill Passes....

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Summary of the Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Boundary Adjustment Act:

- Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to acquire, by donation, approximately eight acres of property to be added to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Specifically, it would add the Wallis House and Harriston Hill to the park's property.
- S. 47 passed the Senate on February 12 by a vote of 92-8 and passed the House on February 26 by a vote of 363-62.

History:

Built by Josiah Wallis in 1853, and occupied by his family until the Civil War, the Wallis House was later used as a hospital by the Confederate Army. During the Atlanta Campaign, the Wallis House was used as the headquarters for Union General William T. Sherman during the Battle of Kolb's Farm. The house was also used as the headquarters for Union General Oliver O. Howard during the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain – the last major battle leading to the fall of Atlanta. Adjacent to the Wallis House is the 5.5-acre Harriston Hill, which was used by General Howard as a signaling position and offers a sweeping view of the valley leading to the Confederate line atop Kennesaw Mountain.

March Trail Ambassador Report

March is historically a busy month for Trail Ambassadors and this March is no exception. There are 11 field trips scheduled for the month starting March 6th through March 29. Supporting those field trips are Jay Haney, Kelly Burke, Alicia Gutierrez, Karen Petrella, Kathy Bearden, Tim Poolos, Rena Bailey, Dave Dubelle, Karen Evanoff, Yvonne Robinson, Gavin Gaffney and Janie Brier.

Supporting the second Saturday trail work day were Rena Bailey, Rusty Bradley, Cam Graham, Karen Evanoff, Kathy Bearden and Janie Brier. We were fortunate to have 3 TA candidates Gavin Gaffney, Laurie Poppell and David Haines. After learning registration, they took a hike from the Burnt Hickory Parking lot to the Illinois Monument and back.

After helping with registration Cam Graham met 12 members of the International Club of Atlanta at the Illinois monument. Many of the members are retirees originally from other countries or who spent most of their careers working overseas. During his 4 hours with the group Cam provided an overview of the battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the origin of the park, the park expansion and the contributions of the Civilian Conservation Corps. After viewing the monument, the grave of the unknown soldier and earthworks he then took these folks on a 7.5 mile hike! The oldest member completing the hike was 88 years old.

The club provided a private trail work opportunity for the Kennesaw State University Day of Service. Supporting this event through registration were Rena Bailey and Janie Brier. On the same day – different location – Cam Graham worked with one of his high school groups on an invasive plant removal project. Supporting him was Karen Petrella and Crew Leaders Pic Petelle, Harry Carpenter and Eric Sawyer.

Many thanks to all who supported these events. Your efforts are deeply appreciated by the club, the park staff and the visitors to this lovely park.

Janie Brier

Trail Ambassador Director



KSU Day Of Service - 3/23/19

Thank you to our awesome volunteers from Kennesaw State University participating in their day of service today restoring the confederate commander Granbury brigade line and fencing along Cheatham Hill Drive. A beautiful day to be in the park.

Donald Olds

President, KMTC

Photos by Donald Olds.



A Special Thanks!

Each year we have various groups who come out and help us. Henceforth, we will make every attempt to list your group here for the current/past fiscal year. If you are participating as a group, be sure to let us know when you are registering!

Following is a list, in alphabetical order, of the groups who participated during Fiscal 2018 (October 2017- September 2018 and Fiscal 2018 (October 2018- Present):

FY 2018

ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
ALLATOONA HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY
ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
BETA ALPHA PSI FROM KSU
BSA TROOP 75
BSA TROOP 17, ARAGON, GA
BSA TROOP 1011
CAMPBELL HS
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS KEY CLUB
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS AP MAGNET ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS
KSU
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
KSU PHI SIGMA PI
PACK 405, McEACHERN UMC
PHI SIGMA PI FROM KSU
POPE HS HONOR SOCIETY
POPE HS SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
SERVICE DAY - KSU
SWINERTON CARE CREW
U.S. ARMY TRAINING CLASS
VENTURE CREW 540
VOLUNTEER KSU
WALKER SCHOOL
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC



FY 2019

ALLATOONA HS NJROTC
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB
BOY SCOUT TROOP 144 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 200 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 277 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 287 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 445 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT) (2 PROJECTS)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 545 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 700 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797
CUB SCOUT PACK 204, MARIETTA
FLIGHTWORKS
HARRISON HS BETA CLUB
HARRISON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
HILLGROVE HS NJROTC
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS
KENNESAW MOUNTAIN HS NJROTC
KSU BETA ALPHA PSI
MT PARAN CHURCH
VOLUNTEER KSU
WOODSTOCK HS NJROTC



The following groups participated in our March work days:

WHEELER HS
ALLATOONA NJROTC
FRIENDS TO THE FORLORN PITBULL RESCUE
ATLANTA OUTDOOR CLUB (AOC)
BETA ALPHA PSI, KSU
GEORGIA TECH
KSU
BOY SCOUT TROOP 008 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 540 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
BOY SCOUT TROOP 797 (EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT)
HARRISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB

We had a total of 181 volunteers as well as approximately 25 KMTC staff participate this month's 3/9/19 Work Day.

Temporary Parking Lot Closures

Just need to remind you that the paving of the Mountain Road, the Visitor Parking Lot and the Old Highway Parking Lot has not yet been completed.



Therefore, the Mountain Road is currently closed for all vehicular traffic, except the Park Bus, which operates on weekends. So, please visit the www.nps.gov/kemo website to find out the current schedule for the closure of these parking lots.

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Additional Volunteers needed! Call today!

Congratulations, Lily!



Congratulations goes to one of our regular student volunteers, **Lily Kim**. Lily has been selected as one of thirty-three top Cobb County high school seniors to receive the honor of STAR Student. The STAR Student program, sponsored by Metro-Marietta Kiwanis, recognizes students with the highest SAT scores and grade point averages across Cobb and Marietta public, private and charter schools.

On many Saturdays, Lily joins in with fellow Kennesaw Mountain High School Key Club / Environmental Science Program classmates controlling invasive plants in the Park. Through their efforts hundreds of volunteer hours have been contributed to this important project. This Fall Lily will be attending Vanderbilt University. We wish her all the best and continued success.

Cam Graham

Thanks!

A runner thanks one of our volunteers during our March Work Day. (Photo by Fred Feltmann)



Moving Rocks

One of our volunteers moving rocks off of the trail.

(Photo by Fred Feltmann)

*Photo - right:
Cam's hikers.
(Photo by Cam Graham)*

A Hike In The Park

Saturday, March 16, 2019, 9 am – 1 pm, I met with 12 members of the International Club of Atlanta. Many of the members are retirees originally from other countries or spent most of their careers working overseas.

We enjoyed a light picnic breakfast together, spent time viewing Cheatham Hill's earthworks, family memorials and Illinois Monument. My presentation included several important topics:

- Origin of the Park and purchase of the first 60 acres by Union veterans.
- Expansion of the Park / CCC workers
- Overview of the Confederate defenses and strategy for making a "stand" along the Kennesaw Line.
- Overview of the Union battle plans for June 27, 1864
- Why the Union failed to capture Cheatham Hill
- Col. Dan McCook and the Fighting McCook family
- Grave of the Unknown Union soldier
- Withdrawal of Confederate troops and why the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain is considered to be a Confederate victory
- Final Union victory and the fall of Atlanta September 1864

Around 10 am we hiked to General Thomas's Headquarters along Cheatham Hill road. At that point, several members returned on their own to the Cheatham Hill NPS parking lot. Others, including myself continued our hike to Kolb's Farm returning, via the Kolb Farm East Trail to the Cheatham Hill NPS parking lot around 1 pm. **The total distance hiked: 7.5 miles. Oldest club member completing the hike: 88 years.**

Thank you for the opportunity to host such a great group. I look forward to future opportunities to meet with visitor groups interested in the history of our great Park.

Cheers,

Cam Graham



2018 Fund Raising

Your volunteer hours help greatly for the many projects we do in the park and we greatly appreciate you contributing your “sweat equity” alongside our 40+ staff volunteers who routinely support each event. We are a non-profit all volunteer organization. However, like any business, we do have bills to pay.

Many of our projects are funded by the park or through grants we apply for. These funds are typically targeted for specific projects and do cover the big expenses such as rocks, stone dust, dirt, wood beams, bridges, fences, and such. But, after all the big stuff is paid for, we still have need to cover our day-to-day operating expenses for things like saw blade sharpening, fuel, tool repairs, equipment maintenance, work gloves, bug spray, drinking water, snacks, and porta-potties. For these expenses, we rely on your donations.

Each year we kick off a new round of fund raising and this is the 2018/19 big “ask.” We need your help with this, even small donations help.

As we approach our 16th year in operation, we ask you to please think ‘15’, like \$15.. \$30.. \$45..... \$150... \$1500. All donations to the Trail Club support our work at the park, and are tax deductible.

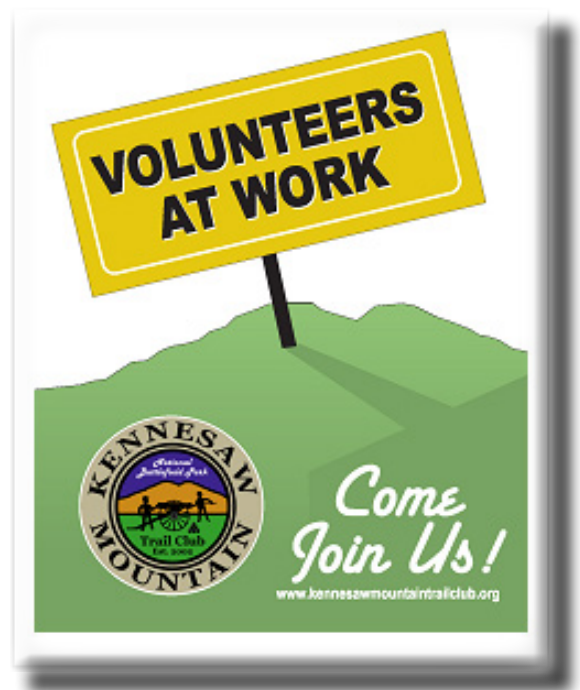
We are a nationally recognized club - having been presented the highest award in the National Park Service in 2014, “The Hartzog Award for Volunteer Group.”. There are several ways to donate:

- Use Guidestar on the bottom of our home page on the Trail Club website <http://www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org>
- Subscribe to Amazon “Smile” where they will donate to us based on your purchases
- Send a tax deductible contribution to:

Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club*
Attn: Tom Okerberg
Whitlock Accounting Services
739 Kennesaw Avenue NW
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ALSO: Please check with employers about matching donations.

* Corporate name is KEMO Trail Corps, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.



Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club Calendar

Date **Time** **Location** **Event**

April, 2019

4/13 8:30 am - 1 pm Old Hwy 41 Parking Lot Park Day/Work Day
Sign up using the usual sign-up procedure, below

4/20 8:30 am - 1 pm Pigeon Hill Parking Lot REI/Dry County Brewery sponsored Earth Day/Work Day
Sign up at REI Website - <https://www.rei.com/events/9999/91829/240266>

May, 2019

5/11 8:30 am - 1 pm Pigeon Hill Parking Lot Trail Work Day
Rain Date: 5/18/19 - Same time and location!

June, 2019

6/1 8:30 am - 1 pm Pigeon Hill Parking Lot National Trail Day/Trail Work Day

See Pages 14, 17 and 18 for additional April Activities at the Park!

Register for Our Work Days!

Be sure to register
online for our Work
Days at [http://](http://signup.com/go/VvavYQj)

signup.com/go/VvavYQj. By registering, we can be better
prepared with the amount of tools, bottled water, gloves, etc.
on hand. *(For our April 13 Work Day!)*



Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming Work Day Schedule:

Our trail work days are open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month and are a wonderful way to get outside & enjoy nature while helping preserve the national park for future visitors. Registration will open at:

4/13 - 8:00 am at the **Old Highway 41 Parking Lot**, .2 miles north of the Visitor Center on Old 41 and usually are finished by 12:00 p.m. It takes approximately 5 minutes to walk to the picnic area near the Visitor Center.

4/20 - 8:00 am at the **Pigeon Hill Parking Lot** (Old Mountain Rd. and Burnt Hickory)

Please arrive there by 8:30 am. Activities usually include the use of shovels, rakes, picks, and other tools to fix erosion problems on the 20+ mile trail system. Please do not wear open-toed shoes. Long pants are recommended.

We value our volunteers' health, comfort and safety so to promote safer work conditions, we'll cancel work days if the temperature is below 40 degrees and/or there's a high probability of precipitation. If we must cancel a workday, we'll post an announcement on the front page of the KMTC website at: www.kennesawmountaintrailclub.org

If your school, church, business, or community organization would like to schedule a special work day as a team building or public service activity, e-mail us at kmtctrails@kennesawmountaintrailclub.org at least 4 weeks in advance. Trail work can be performed any day of the week.

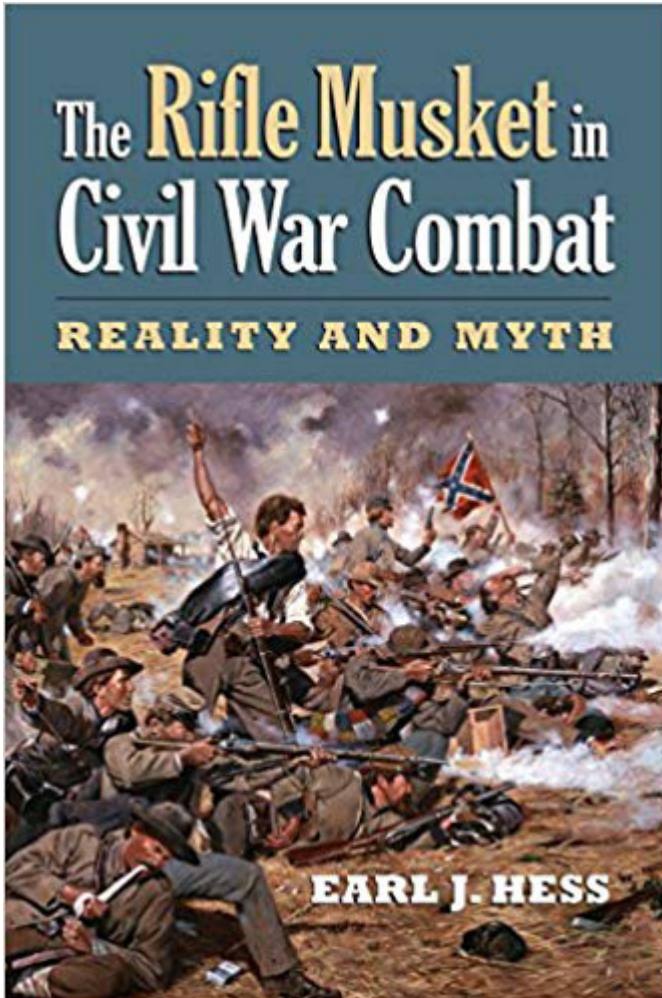
We work closely with the Park Service and assist the park staff by providing critically needed volunteer effort to install signs, build bridges, and maintain the 20+ miles of trails. Since our beginning in 2002, the Trail Club has donated over 45,000 volunteer hours to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

We hope to see you at a work day soon!

3/9/19 Work Day Photos

Photos by Fred Feltmann





Review: The Rifle Musket In Civil War Combat - Reality And Myth

By Jay Haney

Here is the most comprehensive review of the book I found.

“The Civil War’s single-shot, muzzle-loading musket revolutionized warfare or so we’ve been told for years. Noted historian Earl J. Hess forcefully challenges that claim, offering a new, clear-eyed, and convincing assessment of the rifle musket’s actual performance on the battlefield and its impact on the course of the Civil War.

Many contemporaries were impressed with the new weapon’s increased range of 500 yards, compared to the smoothbore musket’s range of 100 yards, and assumed that the rifle was a major factor in prolonging the Civil War. Historians have also assumed that the weapon dramatically increased casualty rates, made decisive victories rare, and relegated cavalry and artillery to far

lesser roles than they played in smoothbore battles.

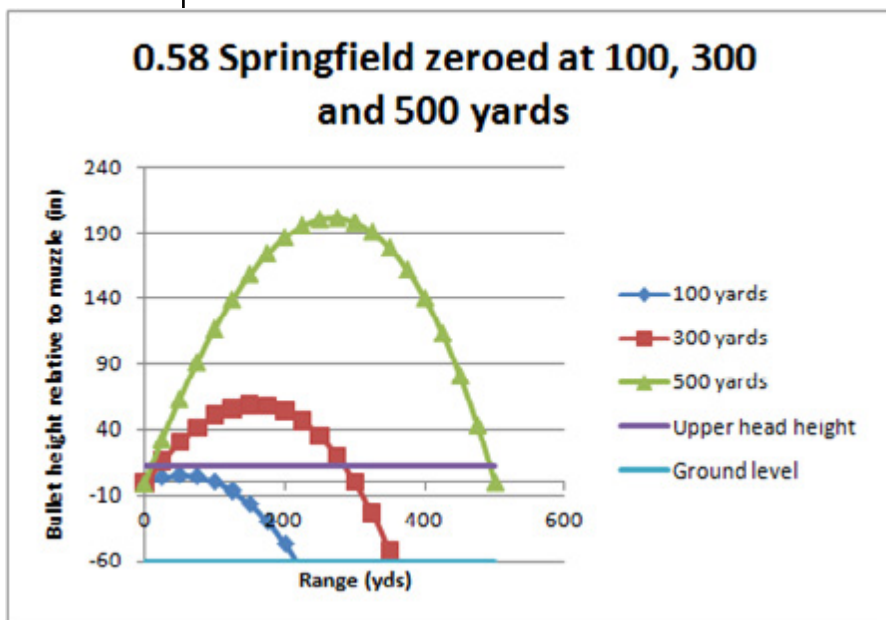
Hess presents a completely new assessment of the rifle musket, contending that its impact was much more limited than previously supposed and was confined primarily to marginal operations such as skirmishing and sniping. He argues further that its potential to alter battle line operations was virtually nullified by inadequate training, soldiers’ preference for short-range firing, and the difficulty of seeing the enemy at a distance. He notes that bullets fired from the new musket followed a parabolic trajectory unlike those fired from smoothbores; at mid-range, those rifle balls flew well above the enemy, creating two killing zones between which troops could operate untouched. He also presents the most complete discussion to date of the development of skirmishing and sniping in the Civil War.

Drawing upon the observations and reflections of the soldiers themselves, Hess offers the most compelling argument yet made regarding the actual use of the rifle musket and its influence on Civil War combat. Engagingly written and meticulously researched, his book will be of special interest to Civil War scholars, buffs, re-enactors, and gun enthusiasts alike.”

Kennesaw Mountain folks will especially appreciate the dozen or so examples cited from the battle here. My favorite quote was:

Ware of the First Iowa in 863 reported that when loading “we always got a few grains of powder in our mouth, and as the taste was not unpleasantly peculiar, we chewed the paper we had bitten off, and by the time we had fired a few times we had a good wad of paper in our mouth which we would chew as a school-girl would chew gum.”

Check this website - <http://67thtigers.blogspot.com/2010/05/ballistics.html> - for an explanation of the chart, below.



Undercooks In the Union Army

Frederick Douglas was unhappy with the slow movement of the federal government in forming United States Colored Troops. So, he pressured Congress to pass HR 323. In section 10, it allowed for White regiments to enlist two men of African descent per company as undercooks. These men were paid 10 dollars a month and could use 3 dollars of this money to buy their clothing. They do all the dreg work in the company and for the officers.

On December 13, 1863 General Sherman sent his 15th Army Corps to Pulaski, Giles County, Tennessee to enlist men of African Descent. They enlisted almost 900 of these men from that county.

Over the next months they did the work of cleaning officer horses, digging latrines, and cleaning the officers' shoes, and Cooking for the enlisted men. On May 8th, 1864 Sherman issued an order that when this army went into battle all noncombatants would become stretcher bearers.

Over the next months during the Atlanta Campaign these men of African Descent were deployed on the battlefield as stretcher bearers. 79 of these men were killed or mortally wounded doing this job.

Austin Gilmore 111th Illinois Infantry was wounded June 27, 1864 during the attack on the Rebel trenches at Pigeon Hill. He died July 1, 1864 in a Hospital at Rome Georgia.

On the attack of the angle of Cheatham hill the 121st Ohio had 21 men of African Descent in the regiment. On the morning of June 27, 1864, the 121st Ohio Infantry was in Mitchell's Brigade. During the heavy fighting near the Bloody Angle, Matthew Moore received a gunshot wound and was removed back to a field hospital. Then by rail to Hospital No. 2 in Chattanooga, Tennessee and died July 24, 1864.

Allen Dyle, 113th Ohio Infantry, was wounded on June 27 1864 died June 28 1864.

1,240 men of African Descent were on the battlefield of Kennesaw Mountain in General Sherman's Army.

Brad Quinlin' Research of 24 years on the soldiers of the Atlanta campaign. This information was obtained from the Muster Roll, compiled military Service Records, Soldiers pension records and the Regimental books. Brad was lead researcher and advisor on the Kennesaw Mountain Battlefield film shown in the Visitor Center.

Brad Quinlan





What'cha Doin'? *An interested bystander watches as volunteers set up a stack fence along the Pigeon Hill Parking Lot. "Looks like you're doing a great Job!" (Photos by Fred Feltmann)*



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: Immediately

Temporary Closure of Parking Lots within Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park

Kennesaw, GA– Starting Monday, April 8, specific parking lots and roads within Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will be closed for a paving project. This project will last approximately two weeks, and is the culminating phase of the paving project which began several months ago. Preserving roads and parking areas are critical in maintaining park access and visitor enjoyment. On the given dates below, parking lots and/or roads will be closed while work is occurring. Please note that inclement weather may delay closures or re-opening of certain areas. Visitors are highly encouraged to check the park website and social media for updated information.

April 8 - 12:

- Visitor Center Parking Lot and Mountain Road:
 - The Mountain Road will be paved on April 8th. Pedestrians, hikers, and joggers are asked to refrain from using the mountain road while the paving project is underway. Striping of the Mountain Road will occur the following week.
 - The Visitor Center parking lot will be closed beginning Tuesday, April 9, and will remain closed through Friday, April 12th to allow for paving of the Visitor Center parking lot and service road. Visitors may park at the Old Highway 41 Overflow Lot to access the park during this time.
 - Pedestrians, hikers, and joggers are asked to refrain from using the mountain road while the paving project is underway.

April 15 – 19

- Visitor Center Parking Lot
 - The Visitor Center parking lot will be closed on April 15 for striping.

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- Short-term temporary closures at the entrance of the Visitor Center parking lot/Stilesboro Road on April 16th.
- Old Highway 41 overflow parking lot:
 - The Old Highway 41 overflow parking lot will be closed Wednesday through Friday, April 17-19. Visitors may park at the Visitor Center parking lot during this time.

April 22 - 25:

- Illinois Monument road and parking lot and Cheatham Hill road parking lot:
 - The Illinois Monument road and parking lot and Cheatham Hill Road parking lot will be closed Monday and Tuesday, April 22nd and 23rd.
 - Temporary short-term closures will occur on April 24th and 25th for striping of the Illinois Monument road and parking lot and Cheatham Hill road parking lot.
- Old Highway 41 overflow parking lot:
 - Temporary short-term closure will occur on April 23 for striping of the Old Highway 41 overflow parking lot.

For questions or further information, please visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/kemo or call 770-427-4686.

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE IS COMPOSED OF MORE THAN 20,000 RANGERS, BIOLOGISTS, HISTORIANS, GEOLOGISTS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS WHO CARE FOR MORE THAN 400 NATIONAL PARKS AND OTHER SPECIAL PLACES SO THAT EVERYONE TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE CAN EXPERIENCE AMERICA'S HISTORY AND BEAUTY.

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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

Release Date: March 15, 2019

Spring Break Week Programming at Kennesaw Mountain

Kennesaw, GA– Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will kick off a week of special programming for children and families beginning March 30 and ending on April 5. Each program is free and open to the public and will be held at the Visitor Center. Saturday, March 30, kicks off Spring Break Week with ‘Raptor Rapture’, featuring live raptors and interactive demonstrations. Two programs will be offered that day (at 1:00 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m.).

Monday through Friday (April 1 – 5) is a partnership program between Cobb County Library System and the park and is entitled ‘Spring Break Story Time’. Daily programs will be offered from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and will feature a story and activity, accompanied by a ranger-led program.

For more information, please visit the park website at www.nps.gov/kemo or call 770-427-4686.

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Kennesaw Mountain & the Cobb County Library System Present: Spring Break Story Time! March 30 – April 5, 2019

3/30- Raptor Rapture

Come learn about and observe local birds of prey and how they are perfectly adapted to survive and hunt! This program features live raptors and interactive demonstrations.

(1:00 pm & 2:30 pm)

4/1- The Great Outdoors

Enjoy story time with a librarian all about outdoor fun! This will be followed by an interactive ranger program on Leave No Trace ethics.

(11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

4/2- Terrific Trees

Come read and learn about the wonderful world of trees with a librarian and stay for a ranger led activity and short hike on the life cycle of trees!

(11:00 am- 12:00 pm)

4/3 – Bodacious Birds

Join us on a story time journey to the beautiful world of birds! This will be followed by an interactive ranger program on local birds and their migration patterns. (11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

4/4 – Buzzing World of Bugs

Come and enjoy various books on the tiny world of bugs with a librarian, to be followed by a ranger program and short hike showing how bugs aren't so different from us!

(11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

4/5 – Awesome Animals

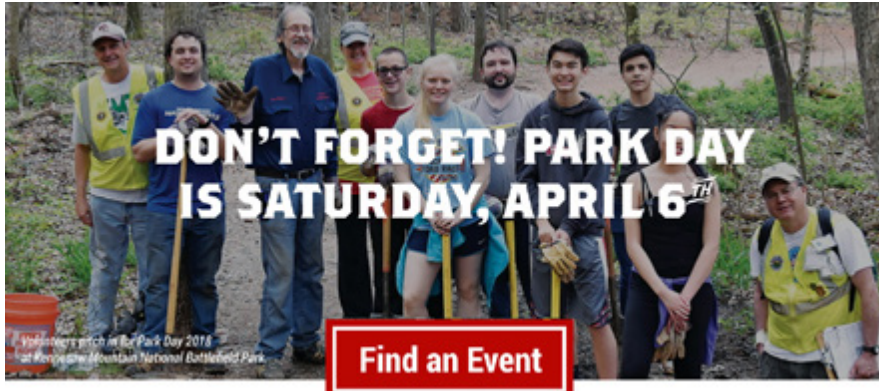
After enjoying an interactive story time all about animals, join a ranger to learn more about animals local to Kennesaw Mountain . (11:00 am – 12:00 pm)

- ❖ *All programming is free; Programs to begin in the Visitor Center*
- ❖ *For all hikes, please bring plenty of snacks and water*
- ❖ *All outdoor programs are weather dependent*
- ❖ *For more information, please call 770-427-4686, ext. 0*



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PS Thanks American Battlefield Trust for using a photo from our Park Day last year!



Park Day - Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park - April 13, 2019!

You're invited! On **Saturday, April 6 (Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park date - 4/13/19)**, join like-minded volunteers at a battlefield or historic site in your community for Park Day 2019. This annual event brings history enthusiasts together to help keep our nation's most-storied places looking their best.

Since 1996, volunteers have joined together to help their local parks and historic sites with maintenance projects—large and small. It's a fun and meaningful way to lend a hand, and in many cases, see the land that you have helped save at some of your favorite Civil War, Revolutionary War, and War of 1812 sites.

This year, volunteers of all ages can get out of the house, give back, and honor our history at one of **150+ participating sites** in 32 states and DC. Park Day volunteers will help with projects such as planting flowers, raking leaves, and maintaining interpretative signs and walking trails. And as a participant in Park Day 2019 you will receive a commemorative T-shirt (quantities may be limited). Many sites also offer complimentary tours or history talks after the work is complete.

As an American Battlefield Trust supporter, your impact is critical at these places. Every day, you are part of the team that is helping to protect and preserve our hallowed grounds. We hope you'll join volunteers in April to help beautify these places and share your dedication to the cause. Your effort makes a difference locally and across the country.

[Take a look at our participating list of sites and find one near you.](#)

See you on the battlefield!

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[PS - Be sure to register for our Park Day projects - see page 6 herein.](#)



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Kennesaw Mountain News Release

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Junior Ranger Day Event at Kennesaw Mountain

Kennesaw, GA– Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park will be hosting its annual Junior Ranger Day on April 20, 2019 as a way to engage youth in activities relating to the Civil War era. This year's event will offer multiple activities for children to participate in which include infantry soldier show and tell, drum and fife field music, make your own rag doll, and 19th century children's games. Festivities will occur from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required for the event. All programming is free and open to the public; programming is ideal for ages 6 and up. Junior Ranger Day will end with the swearing in of all new Junior Rangers. For more information and to register for this exciting event, please visit:

<https://www.nps.gov/kemo/planyourvisit/calendar.htm> or call the park at 770-427-4686.

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Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park Interpretive Programs for **APRIL**

**All park programming is free and open to the public. No registration required unless noted.
Programs start at Visitor Center except when otherwise specified.

Everyday @ 1:00 pm Ranger Led Museum Tour

April 1 – 5 @ 11 am – 12 pm ‘Spring Break Story Time!’

Kennesaw Mountain is partnering with Cobb County Library System for a week of interactive and family friendly spring break programming. Programs will begin with a 30 minute story time with a librarian, to be followed with a 30 minute ranger program. All programs will begin at the Visitor Center, are free, and open to the public. For more information, call 770-427-4686. Each day’s programs will begin at 11:00 a.m. and last approximately one hour. Basic themes as follows:

Monday, 4/1 - The Great Outdoors

Tuesday, 4/2 - Terrific Trees

Wednesday, 4/3 - Bodacious Birds

Thursday, 4/4 - Buzzing World of Bugs

Friday, 4/5 - Awesome Animals

*See Page 14, herein, for
additional details.*

April 6 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm ‘Civil War Music’

Music during the Civil War served many functions. Not only did it help to organize and rally, but also went a long way to boost morale amongst the soldiers. Come join the musicians of Three Rivers Fife and Drum as they demonstrate this through performance and discussion of 19th century fife and drum music.

April 7 @ 11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Guided Mountaintop Hike’

Join us for a ranger hike to the top of Big Kennesaw Mountain. The hike will focus on local and Civil War history, as well some of the ecology of the area. This is an outdoor program, so please prepare accordingly. Length of the hike will be approximately 2 miles, and will be weather dependent.

April 13 @ 11:00 am – 11:30 am ‘Civil War Artillery Talk’

This 30 minute ranger-led program discusses the differences between Civil War artillery pieces and how these differences changed warfare during the American Civil War.

April 13 @ 8:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Park Day 2019!’

Join fellow volunteers on Park Day 2019, the Civil War Trust’s annual hands-on event to help battlefields and historic sites take on maintenance projects large and small. This event is co-hosted by the Civil War Trust and the Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club. Planned activities include invasive plant removal, clearing brush, and other trail maintenance.

Visit www.civilwar.org/events/park-day/kennesaw-mountain-national-battlefield-park
or more information.

April 14 @11:00 am – 12:30 pm ‘Guided 24-Gun Battery Hike’

This program will consist of a ranger-guided 3 mile hike along the 24 Gun Battery Trail. It will focus on the importance of preservation, protection, and history within the national parks. This is an outdoor activity, so please dress and plan accordingly. The event will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

April 20 @ 10:00 am – 12:00 pm ‘Junior Ranger Day 2019!’

This year, we invite you to join us for a “Civil War Festival”! Children of all ages (even the young at heart!) are invited to attend. The festivities will consist of infantry soldier show and tell, 19th century children’s games, drum and fife field music, and a station where you can make your own rag doll! Programming is ideal for, But not limited to ages 6 – 10. **Pre-registration is required.** To pre-register or for more details, visit link Below or come to the Visitor Center for paper form. <https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit>

April 20 @ 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm ‘Infantry Demonstrations’

Come out and enjoy an interactive infantry demonstration at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. This program will consist of a step-by-step description and demonstration of basic infantry tactics and culminate in a rifled musket firing. This program is free to attend and open to the public. Please note that rifled musket firings are loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.)

April 21 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ‘Guided Cheatham Hill Hike’

Follow in the footsteps of the Union and Confederate soldiers who fought here in that summer of 1864 with this guided hike. A ranger will take you along the Assault Trail, detailing the events of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham Hill. The approximate length of this hike is approximately 1 mile and will be weather dependent.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 902 Cheatham Hill Rd., Marietta (Recreation Area # 3 parking lot)*

April 27 @ 11, 12, 2, and 3:00 pm ‘Artillery Demonstrations’

Artillerists explain the steps of firing a cannon by detailing the role of each person working the cannon. Afterwards, the process is performed in real time and the cannon is fired. The program is free and open to the public. Please note that cannon firings are very loud, especially to those with hearing sensitivity (i.e. dogs, children, etc.)

April 27 @ 2:00 – 3:00 pm ‘In Memory of Self and Comrades’ Lecture

Come join historian, author, and editor Mike Shaffer as he discusses the book “In Memory of Self and Comrades”, Thomas Colley’s recollections of Civil War Service in the 1st VA Cavalry. Mr. Shaffer was instrumental in the collection and editing of this work and will be discussing it in length.

April 28 @ 2:30 pm – 3:00 ‘Welcome to Kennesaw Mountain’

Come out and enjoy a ranger-led presentation on the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain, the Atlanta Campaign, and how these events shaped our history and the park as it is today. This presentation will utilize various maps and artifacts to illustrate this portion of history. This program is free to attend and open to the public, and will be held at the Visitor Center.

April 28 @ 11:00 am & 2:00 pm ‘Cheatham Hill Walk’

Join historian Brad Quinlin on a short and interactive walk around Cheatham Hill, the Illinois Monument, and the Dead Angle. Programs typically last 30 – 45 minutes. Because this program is held outdoors, it will be weather dependent.

This program is **not at the Visitor Center; parking is at 947 Cheatham Hill Dr, Marietta (the Illinois Monument parking lot)*

*** Outdoor programs (Living History programs and hikes) may be cancelled in the occurrence of inclement weather).*

**** For more program details, please contact Visitor Center at 770-427-4686, ext. 0, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/kemo*

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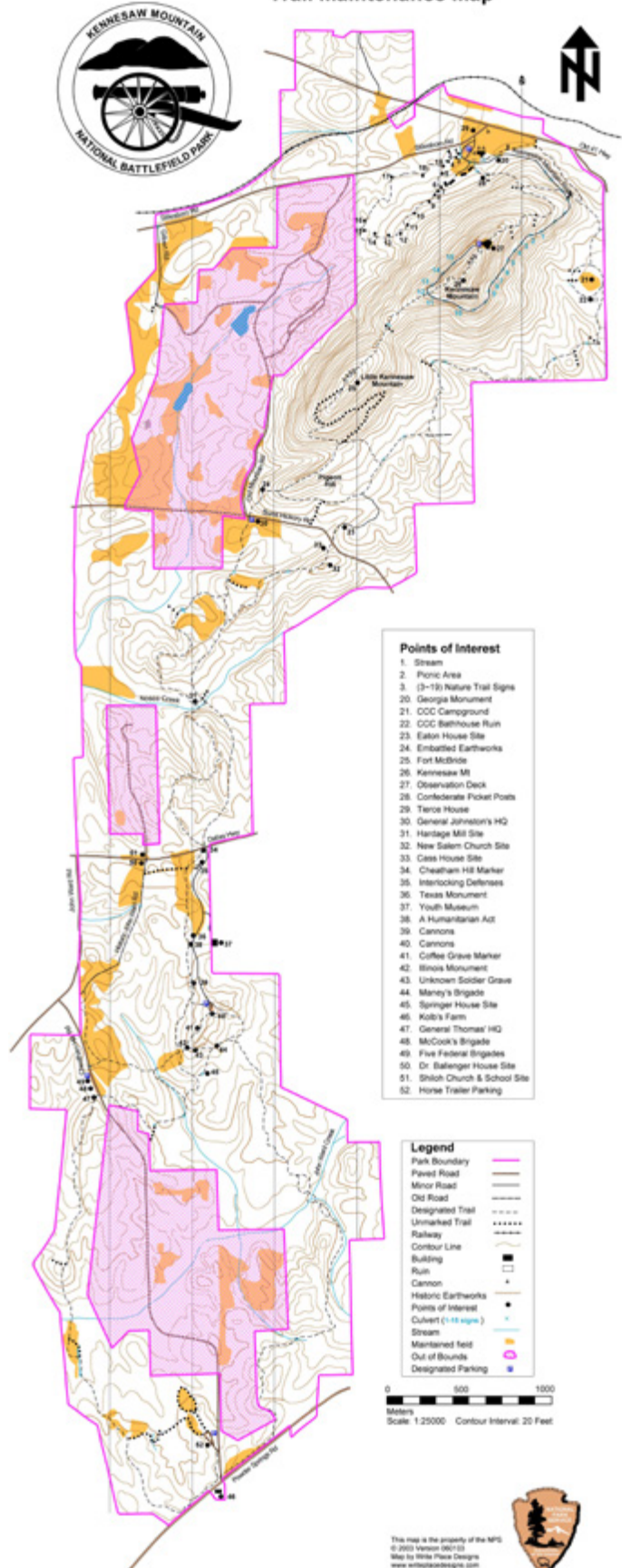


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KENNESAW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD PARK

Trail Maintenance Map



May Newsletter Deadline

If you wish to have an article published in the March Newsletter, please submit it to Fred Feltmann at faf1948@bellsouth.net no later than April 20th!